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SECTION B

University Bids On Lomita Strip; Campus With 3000 Students Seen

Possibility of a university locating here was disclosed this week when Claude L. Welch, president of Los Angeles University, revealed that his institution has made a bid for a portion of the Lomita Flight strip.

Land which the school seeks to acquire is a 35-acre section at the southeast corner of the field, that portion containing the former Japanese relocation installation.

"This part of the field has never been developed for aviation purposes," Welch explained, "and would in no way interfere with airport plans of either the City of Torrance or the Civil Air Patrol." The city has a bid pending for lease or purchase of the entire 496-acre strip. Actual culmination of plans to bring the University here depends on two decisions now

resting with the War Assets Administration, which controls disposal of the airport facility.

1. WAA must rule as to whether, for purposes of the bid, this section can be classed as "institutional property." Answer to this question, Welch said, is expected early next month.

2. An answer must be made on the bid itself, and as to whether WAA will agree to separation of this portion from the rest of the strip.

Should both questions be answered affirmatively, the institution would transfer its classes and other activities there at once, according to Welch. All buildings but two would be maintained as they are, he said, and an additional 140 or 150 would be brought in, creating a "real housing project" for students and faculty.

With U.C.L.A. boasting an enrollment of 15,000 and other schools bursting at the seams, the educator predicted an enrollment of 2000 immediately when the school transferred here from its present location at Olympic and Flower streets in Los Angeles. Within three or four years, he said, this would have grown to about 3,000.

Voters Warned Of Registration Cancellation

Although Torrance and Lomita boast an all-time registration of 10,081 for the general elections Nov. 5, about 9,540, or nearly five-eighths of these stand to lose their registration if they fail to vote.

Under California law, a person who registers to vote remains permanently registered so long as he does not move and continues to cast a vote in either the primary or general election each even-numbered year.

Of 5,748 Torrance voters now registered, only 2,133 voted last June, while 1,718 Lomitans out of 4,333 now registered marched to the polls for the primaries, according to Registrar of Voters M. J. Donohue.

Those who "did their duty" in June, automatically retain registration for the next two years. Those who didn't, lose it if they fail to vote next month.

Col. Smigelow Takes Charge Of Recruiting Post

Colonel Howard G. Smigelow last week assumed command of the Southern California-Arizona recruiting district, with his headquarters at the Pacific Electric building, 610 South Main st., Los Angeles.

A graduate of the University of California in 1934, Colonel Smigelow was appointed second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps Reserve. Called to active duty in 1941, he served in the famous 56th Coast Artillery.

His awards include the Legion of Merit and the Army Commendation ribbon for his brilliant handling of West Coast defense and staff work in Washington, D. C.

Colonel Smigelow said, "Personally, I'm proud to be a part of a recruiting program which offers the best of everything to the young men of the future."

RAILROAD CROSSINGS

After waiting for one train to clear a railroad crossing, motorists are cautioned to be certain that there is not another train coming from the opposite direction before venturing onto the tracks.

County In Shape To Halt Floods, Darby Announces

With the approach of the rainy season Supervisor Raymond V. Darby requested data of the County Flood Control Department, and Chief Engineer H. E. Hedger reported the County in an excellent position to withhold flood waters and prevent loss of life and property damage from heavy rainfall. "Approximately 70,000 acre feet of storage space is available in county dams and reservoirs for the withholding of flood waters", Supervisor Darby said. In the three larger dams under county control, there is no water in two, and but little water in the third, making practically all of this space ready for surplus rainfall storage, he disclosed.

The tabulation given Supervisor Darby showed 10,526 acre feet, or full capacity of San Gabriel Dam No. 2, and 16,948 acre feet, or almost total capacity available, in the Puddingstone Reservoir. San Gabriel Dam No. 1 was reported to have a capacity of 34,651 acre feet with 75 percent available for storage.

Since June 30 of this year approximately 16,000 acre feet of water has been released from the San Gabriel Canyon Dam No. 1, all of which has been conserved in the main and coastal basins, the report showed. Within the next two or three weeks approximately 1,500 acre feet will be released from the Pacoima dam and spread in the Pacoima spreading grounds.

Red Cross Seeks Additional 175 Nurse's Aides

Los Angeles Red Cross chapter's campaign for additional volunteer corps and department workers to operate expanding hospital programs is now in its sixth week with a "new high" goal.

Originally set at 1,000 volunteers to serve in veterans' and civilian hospital wards, the quota this week was boosted to 175 as Veterans Administration officials approved that number of nurses' aides as "vitaly needed" at Wadsworth General Hospital in West Los Angeles.

"Training classes for nurses' aides—one of the most popular of our wartime corps—are now being scheduled with appointment interviews opening this week," Mrs. H. B. K. Willis, chairman, volunteer special services for Los Angeles Red Cross, declared.

Meanwhile, basic indoctrination classes for volunteers needed to serve in arts and skills, motor corps, staff assistance, canteen, Gray Lady corps and camp and hospital service work yesterday were being scheduled throughout the month, to be followed by "on the spot" training in the hospitals.

"Red Cross operations in hospitals in this locale are increasing daily, and women who can give one day per week are urgently requested to contact headquarters, 1200 S. Vermont ave., FI5261," Mrs. Willis said.

Wheeler Elected To L.A. Welfare Executive Board

In recognition of his work last year as chairman of the Torrance District Welfare Council, the Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler has been appointed to the executive board of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Los Angeles and will act as chairman of the committee on district planning. This group is the coordinating body for the work of the six welfare centers maintained by the Community Chest.

At the first meeting of the year, conducted last Thursday in Huntington Park, the Rev. Mr. Wheeler introduced delegates from each center and reports were given which included mention of the opening of a new center in Inglewood.

Torrance received recognition for its progress in plans for the visit of the mobile X-ray unit of the Los Angeles Tuberculosis and Health Association. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Casey also attended the meeting.

Justices Oppose Bar Group Moves To Alter Courts

The executive committee of the State Justices and Constables Association, meeting for its tenth annual convention in Santa Monica, fired the first shots in its campaign to combat the program begun by the State Bar Association of California at its convention in Coronado two weeks ago, to eliminate the lower courts of California in favor of a county court system, according to Justice of the Peace Frank Carroll. The justices' resolution read: "After careful survey and study by our court committee and careful analysis of the criticisms directed against the lower courts by the State Bar Committee on Inferior Courts our executive committee is of the fixed opinion that the counties of Los Angeles and Alameda are the only counties where remedial legislation is necessary and we do not feel that it is sound policy to remedy this situation by sacrificing the entire state judicial structure which is at present functioning to the satisfaction and benefit of the majority of the people of California."

BETTER PRICES GO FOR BETTER EGGS, POULTRYMEN TOLD

Torrance and Lomita poultrymen producing top quality eggs are receiving a higher price per dozen than those who pay little attention to quality, L. D. Sanborn, assistant county farm advisor, announced.

Producers of quality eggs received from 64 to 65 cents per dozen for large ranch-run eggs during the first week of October. Nearby poultrymen with poorer quality obtained lower prices, ranging from 59 to 62 cents.

Real fresh egg quality can be produced only when good stock is well cared for. In hot weather, quality will be lost quickly if eggs are not gathered frequently and kept in cool, moist storage.

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